UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN AT LAW AND IN ADMIRALTY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 18-CV-1195

APPROXIMATELY \$177,566.32 IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY FROM U.S. BANK ACCOUNTY ENDING IN 6229,

Defendant.

CLAIM OF NEWTEK SMALL BUSINESS FINANCE, LLC

To: Clerk – United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin 517 East Wisconsin Ave., Room 362 Milwaukee, WI 53202

Assistance US Attorney Scott Campbell United States Attorney's Office 517 East Wisconsin Ave., Room 530 Milwaukee, WI 53202

Newtek Small Business Finance, LLC ("Newtek") by its attorneys, Kohner, Mann & Kailas, S.C., hereby submits its claim to the Defendant property, approximately \$177,566.32 in United States Currency from U.S. Bank Account ending in 6229 (the "Property") pursuant to Rule G(5)(a) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions. In further support of this claim, Newtek states as follows:

- 1. The property claimed by Newtek is the Property.
- 2. Newtek's interest in the Property is based upon Newtek's contract with Qicbid, LLC ("Qicbid") to auction vehicles on Newtek's behalf, which vehicles had been recovered from

a borrower on a defaulted loan, due to a court judgment and liens Newtek held on the vehicles.

Qicbid and its principal, Mr. Schaetzel, took possession of the vehicles, conducted the auction,

and then fraudulently failed to report the results of the auction or deliver any of the proceeds

realized to Newtek. Newtek believes it has a valid, good faith, and legally recognizable interest

in the Property because it is proceeds of the auction of the vehicles repossessed from its

borrower, which Qicbid and Mr. Schaetzel, as a Wisconsin licensed auctioneer, held in trust

and/or as an agent of Newtek.

Newtek reserves all rights and claims as the victim of the alleged conduct set forth 3.

in the Complaint in this action, and further reserves all other rights and civil claims that it may

have relating to the facts and circumstances described in the Complaint and herein.

4. Newtek will file an answer to the verified Complaint in this matter in a timely

fashion.

Dated: September 6, 2018.

KOHNER, MANN & KAILAS, S.C.

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF TENNESSEE COUNTY OF VICTOR

Gaye Price, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states that:

- 1. I am a Vice President with Newtek Small Business Finance, LLC.
- 2. I have reviewed the foregoing claim and found that the contents are accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.
 - 3. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Gaye Price

STATE OF TENNESSEE

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COUNTY OF WILSON

On this 5 day of 5 ft, 2018, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Gaye Price, personally known to me to be the person whose name is signed above, and acknowledged to me that she signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Notary Public

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